

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

We are writing to urge you to exempt small medical device manufacturers from the \$20 billion medical device tax contained in the Affordable Healthcare for America Act in conference. This is essential to ensuring the viability and competitiveness of small businesses in the medical device industry.

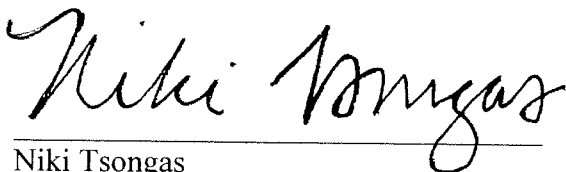
We are concerned that the current provisions contained in the House version of health care reform (H.R. 3962) will disproportionately hurt smaller, younger companies and may jeopardize their ability to raise the capital needed to succeed and foster the innovations they contribute to our nation's medical capabilities.

The United States is and must remain the worldwide leader in the development of medical technology. With over 50% of the worldwide market share, this is a U.S. success story that should be celebrated. Medical technology companies employ more than 357,700 workers in the United States. Many of these companies are small, high-growth and young, and would be devastated by this tax.

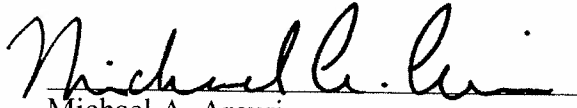
Phasing in the tax will foster competition and allow innovative small businesses to enter the medical device market and succeed. This competition is critical to ensuring a robust industry, jobs for the American people and the innovation required to enable our health care system to best meet the needs of patients.

We appreciate your attention to this request.

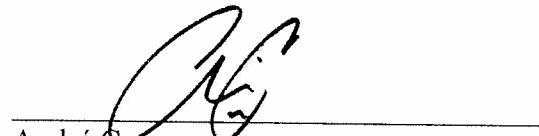
Sincerely,


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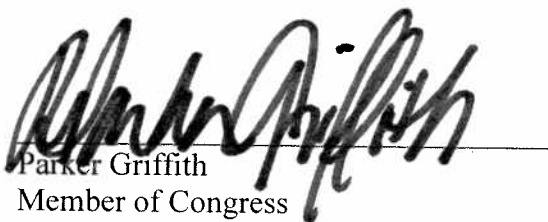
Niki Tsongas
Member of Congress

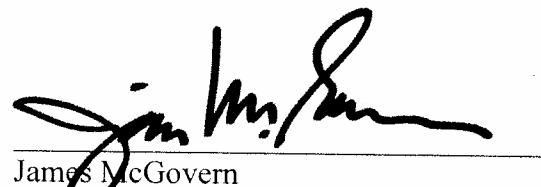

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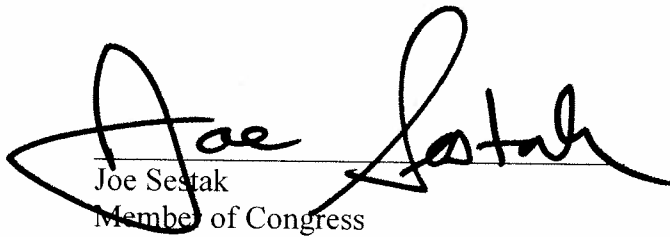

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Cc: The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader
The Honorable Jim Clyburn, Majority Whip